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# Craft Fayre

Saturday 5th December  
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in the School Hall

Dear Editor Of Bar Hill News

I'm writing to tell you a manager from Tesco came to tell us about the Tesco extra plan on 19<sup>th</sup> of October. I wanted to know if it was going to be more safe. Mr Hayden the manager said it is going to be a lot more safe than it is now. like some people do not have a bike lock like me. I do have one but I do not know where it is, every three minutes I come out of the shop just to see if my bike is there. There is going to be a play for your kids but Mr Hayden don't know how small you will need to be. Tesco extra is going to be made out of glass and you will be able to see in. Mr Hayden said that they might have the trolleys that you put it in but you will get the it back or there will be a bit underground to stop the trolleys from Tesco land. I think Tesco extra will be cool but I will miss the old one because every thing is changes. It will cost about 21 million to build but Tesco will get all of the money back.

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### December '98 No. 350

# Bar Hill Residents' Association

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Midwife (Antenatal)		02:00								
Child Health Clinic (Child and Family team - by appointment only)										2:00-4:30 <sup>1</sup>
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### Letters to the Editor

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### **Bar Hill's Mall and redevelopment by Tesco**

I do not know why or how the Mall was allowed to get into its present poor state, but for what ever reason it now really is an eyesore for all of us, residents and visitors to our Village. If any one has been to the Mall to buy a paper early on a Sunday morning, it is in a terrible state, more to do with late night visitors than local residents. I compliment the shops and businesses which operate there at the moment; they must get quite distressed at times with the environment as it is. This part of the Village would go with redevelopment and can only be an improvement.

With reference to Pat Ryan's letter (November issue), as a resident of Gladeside I can only see benefits coming to Gladeside and Robin's Way, with redevelopment. At the moment we have traffic to the School and Library, we have two entrances to the car parking, heavy goods vehicles delivering to the shops within the Mall, and many heavy goods vehicles doing u-turns to park up while they use the eating facilities at the Mall and Tesco at all times of the day and night; sometimes crossing the road is very hazardous. Under the redevelopment the only traffic would be to the School, Library and service vehicles for residents, which must be a benefit and safer for the schoolchildren.

To end, I believe that most Bar Hill residents are in favour; Tesco employs a lot of people in Bar Hill. The new development will and must improve our Village and smarten up the area. Don't forget the present Tesco is 20/25 years old, if not more!

*George Dethridge (Resident for 13 years)*

## **Bar Hill Residents Association Annual General Meeting**

**Friday 29th January 1998**

**8.00 pm**

**Bar Hill School Studio**

**Refreshments will be served.**

**Every Village resident is invited!**

### **Editorial**

It was good to receive so many letters this month, especially from the children. Keep them coming!

It was a shame so few people turned out for the Fireworks on November 5th, particularly as we had ordered more fireworks for a bigger and better display this year. The bucket collection raised just under £300, whilst the fireworks cost £1000. Obviously the Residents' Association cannot continue to operate the fireworks on this basis. *It has therefore been proposed that we raise the Annual Subscription to the Residents' Association to £2 per household and dispense with the bucket collection - your views on this may be expressed at the AGM on 29th January.* On the same theme - we are in desperate need of helpers for the Fireworks display. Martin Avery did a superb job of preparing the display almost single-handed, but we cannot expect this of him every year. Many thanks go to Martin, and to Neil Hassall and Roger Hall for their help on the night.

### **Dear Editor**

As an "oldie" resident of Bar Hill, I am as guilty as the next person when it comes to grumbling about the youngsters; when yet another window in the Mall is broken or for some other supposed misdemeanor. I write, therefore, to express my appreciation of the caring attitude of a young man. When he left my Sunday paper in its usual place he noticed that Saurday's was still there and not knowing I was away for the weekend, went to my neighbour to ask if I was all right. He then came to my door the following day to make sure! On the whole, teenagers **do** care!

*E. Jacobs*

### **Letters from the children of Bar Hill**

I am writing to say that I am happy to inform you that we are hoping to have a new Tesco Extra built in Bar Hill some time next year. This means that we can give another 475 jobs to people in the Village. Tesco Extra will be much bigger and we will be able to have more stock like computers, bikes and computer games. I hope this does not cause any trouble. I don't think it should because the old Tesco will not be closed down until the new one is built. This means you will be able to shop in the old store until the new one is built. I hope it will be a big success.

*Yours Sincerely, Charlotte Wilby*

I think it is a very good idea about Tesco Extra because there will be many more jobs for people and so much more to buy. The shop will be twice the size of a football pitch; there will be wide aisles for lots of trolleys to go through. When you come in with a younger child they can go in the creche or if you have a slightly older child you can drop them off at the Kids Club so they can have fun while you shop. Outside, the car park will be massive. There will be facing-down lights to stop pollution. The trolleys won't be scattered all over Bar Hill because of a new system where trolleys won't be able to go out of the store because the wheels only work in Tesco Extra. Frozen food shopping will be made more fun by big penguins up on every frozen food aisle. Also outside there will be more greenery for wildlife. I am definitely in favour of Tesco Extra. If it is built it will most probably be a huge success

*Anna Shrimpton*

I think it is a really good idea to have a new Tesco Extra because there will be a lot more things to buy, plus they will not keep running out of things that we need. They will make it more eye-catching by putting up icicles and penguins. There will also be more tills, cafe seats and parking spaces. Outside, some of the changes will be more planting of trees, bushes and grass.

*Jessica Richardson*



## Bar Hill Parish Council



The monthly meeting of the Parish Council took place on 19 November 1998

### Tesco Redevelopment

A letter outlining the concerns of the Parish was sent to SCDC, a copy of which is published in this issue of the Bar Hill News. By the time you receive this issue, Parish Councillors will have met with Tesco and SCDC to discuss these concerns. An update will be given in the next issue of the Bar Hill News.

### Tree Management Programme

Plans have been sent to contractors requesting quotations. It is hoped to put this into action as soon as possible.

Trees (on private property) are still overhanging public footpaths. We would ask that owners of the properties involved cut these back as soon as possible.

### Youth Centre

Parish Councillors are meeting with the youth to discuss possible ideas regarding the area at the rear of the farmhouse. An update will be given in the next newsletter.

### Colts Football Club

It is hoped the Colts and the Guides Association will be able to house their equipment in the Parish Council's half of the shed at the rear of the farmhouse. Quotations are being sought regarding refurbishing the existing shed.

### Handy Telephone Numbers

Streetlights: (freephone) 0800 253529 give the CCC No. (which will be written on the lamp post).

South Cambridgeshire District Council Tel.: (01223) 443000 (see page 268 of your telephone book for the services they cover).

Cambridge County Council Tel.: (01223) 717111 (see page 98 of your telephone book for the services they cover.) Alternatively call me, your Parish Clerk; I will try my best to be of assistance.

*Lesley Sadler, Parish Clerk*

## Missing Cat !

Have you seen 'Sweep'? Much loved black cat missing from Almond Grove since 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. He is 9 months old, has

yellow eyes and a red collar with name-tag. His twin brother misses him. If found please phone 789601. A reward is offered.



## Bar Hill Millennium Committee

Further to the recent note put through your door, although we received quite a few favourable replies, we thought the following ought to be explained to those who felt the cost was too high.

- ❖ The Village Hall and Social Club have a maximum amount of people allowed on the premises at any one time; this is approximately 320 for the whole building.
- ❖ To cater for 1,000 villagers we would require at least three marquees. Each of these require chairs, tables, lighting, heating, generators. The entertainment costs are very high. Portaloos will be required to take the extra amount of people. Casual staff are hard to find and are not willing to work unless they are suitably recompensed.
- ❖ All drinks are in with the price.
- ❖ We will not be able to supply food as the new food hygiene laws will be in place by this time and they require suitable food preparation areas, under rigid rules. Food will not even allowed to be prepared at home and brought on to the premises.
- ❖ Profit, if any, from the evening will be left in the Millennium bank account and put towards different functions held on the Village throughout the year 2000.
- ❖ It is hoped to sell savings stamps for part payment throughout the year, which will help towards the cost of the tickets.
- ❖ It is basically an idea taken up by a few people with the Villagers in mind. As we have said before, taxis, babysitters, tickets into public houses etc., will all be extremely expensive if available at all.
- ❖ We also understand the Moat House Hotel is not open on that evening.

It is hoped to receive more replies as soon as possible as time is now of the essence. Bands are taking bookings and marquees etc., are slowly disappearing. A decision will be made by the Millennium Committee as to whether to go ahead with this idea once we have received replies. It is therefore requested we have any further replies, for or against the idea **NO LATER THAN Friday 18 December 1998**. Please send to the Secretary, Bar Hill Millennium Committee, The Village Hall, Bar Hill.

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## Andrew Lansley, CBE MP

### Dear Constituents,

I have been very pleased to have many opportunities to visit Bar Hill this year. Aside from shopping at Tesco I held a surgery there as well as two surgeries at the Village Hall.

I discussed the redevelopment at length with Tesco earlier in the year and I have been pleased that they have come forward with improved plans. I have had mostly positive comments about the new plans and will be encouraging S. Cambs. District Council to get on with the process. If you have views, do let me know.

I also took an opportunity to walk around the village one evening with the Parish Council Chairman and Clerk and our beat PC. The volume of lorry parking and the way our village is used is a serious blight. Now that alternative lorry parking sites are being developed, I am in contact with the Road Haulage Association and the County Council - the objective must be to limit lorry parking in the village.

The third main issue I have taken up on behalf of Bar Hill has been the A14. In July the Government took rebuilding of the road out of their plans. This is nonsense; even by their own criteria of removing bottlenecks and existing congestion, it is obvious that the A14 is a major bottleneck in the national roads network. Worse, from our point of view, is that it is also a local road - when the A14 blocks, entry and exit from Bar Hill can be blocked as well.

I will continue to fight to get this road upgraded, with separation of local roads. I am very grateful to John Reynolds at the County Council for all his help in pushing this argument forward.

There is a good Conservative team in Bar Hill - John Reynolds, your County Councillor, Jennifer Jones on District Council and a Branch team led by Iris Lay. If you want to be part of our team, working for the benefit of the village, do give Iris a call on 780457.

If you have any issue you want to raise with me, do write to me at 153 St. Neots Road, Hardwick, Cambridge CB3 7QJ, or call 01954 211444.

Last but not least, a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to you and your families.

*Andrew Lansley*



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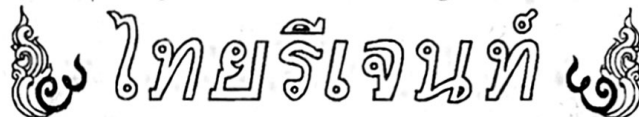
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**Letter sent to  
South Cambridgeshire District Council  
on behalf of the Parish  
Tesco Redevelopment of  
Bar Hill Village Centre**

Following public consultation and consideration of the plans submitted for the latest planning application we have a number of concerns and matters which require clarification.

These matters come under five broad headings:

**1. Access For Pedestrians**

The plans are unclear as to the pedestrian routes through the site. The planning philosophy for the original village was that cars and pedestrians should be kept separate. There is concern that the spine path through the village runs right through the middle of a car park and will be crossed, in a number of places, by vehicles. The Parish Council would prefer to see the main spine path routed round in front of the smaller shops and alongside Tesco's as opposed to through the middle of the site.

We also have some concerns about the pedestrian access from the industrial site and from Robin Close. The plans are also unclear as to pedestrian access to the proposed Public House.

**2. Access by Road**

This planning application does not show the proposals for altering the entrance to the village. Presumably the proposals set out in the 1992 application will be adopted, but we feel the application should have dealt with the vehicle access provision into the village as well. It is difficult to consider the proposals in isolation and whilst the Highways Authority will presumably have to be satisfied about the access provision, we have some concerns as to what may occur.

We believe that the parking at the proposed bus stop should be strictly for buses and taxis only. We are uncertain as to whether adequate provisions have been made for bus parking.

**3. Community Facilities**

Previous plans have shown community facilities such as a village square or public building. These plans have no such provision. The development is either commercial buildings or car parks. We are concerned that there is no benefit to

the village in the plans with no position identifiable as a village centre.

The spine paths at the Health Centre/Octagon should remain as a square unless an alternative provision in front of the new units is provided. For many villagers these are meeting areas and similar facilities should be provided in the new plans. It is felt that the paths into the shopping areas should be illuminated.

**4. Security**

Lighting on the plan is unclear. Where provided lighting should be downlighting to reduce the impact of the development. Physical barriers should be provided between the car park areas and roads not forming part of the develop-



ment to prevent vehicles leaving the car park by unauthorised routes as at present occurs in the temporary car park. However a fence/wall between the car park and the school is not acceptable as this is contrary to the original planning concept to the village. An earth mound with landscaping is more appropriate.

It is felt that 24-hour CCTV cover should be provided and this should cover the verges of the development and not just the centre.

There must be adequate signage including all roads.

Concerns have again been raised about the uncontrolled use of trolleys throughout the village, provision for trolleys to be retained on site should be made.

**5. Aesthetics**

The plans and small-scale model give little idea of the impact of the building on the village centre. Concerns have been raised that the building is only to be a metal clad building and again its impact is unclear. There is unease about the size of the Tesco lettering on the side of the building. A building of traditional appearance would be preferred.

The existing landscape provisions have never matured and have failed to limit the impact of the car parking areas and we would not want the poor landscaping provisions to be repeated with the new development. The use of mature or semi-mature trees is required.

We await your comments on the above concerns and matters.

*Yours faithfully R C SADLER  
Chairman Bar Hill Parish Council*

*Footnote: Since this letter was sent, a meeting has been arranged between SCDC, Bar Hill Parish Council and Tesco. An update on this meeting will be forthcoming in the next issue of the Bar Hill News.*





Dear Residents,

In the past our Parish Council has been accused of taking a reactive approach to the wishes of the Village. However, there have been many achievements; for example the Parish Council, with officers of the County Council, built a cycle path between Bar Hill & Dry Drayton. Another major achievement has been the conversion of the Farmhouse to a Youth Drop-in Centre, which is a highly popular venue and a great success.

The Parish Council, on its own, built an earth ramp to satisfy the needs of BMX riders. It has renovated the play area and is in the process of upgrading play equipment throughout the Village and land has been donated to the tennis club for their all-weather court. The Primary School has been given a large donation for the purchase of English textbooks. Bus Pass holders are continuing to receive help to meet the cost of bus fares. The private security firm is still in operation to help with the fight against vandalism.

Our new Community Policeman PC Richard Newman is a breath of fresh air, taking an interest in and becoming involved with the whole community.

Since last April/May the **new** Parish Council (with many new faces and new ideas) has become proactive. Under the young and dynamic Chairmanship of Bob Sadler, a Chartered Surveyor, whose leadership and approach is a major motivating force, we are already anticipating events and meeting challenges.

The Council has appointed a firm of independent management consultants to look at the current use of the Village Hall. All Village groups, clubs and societies have had an opportunity to discuss their present and future needs with the consultants and a final report is due in the near future - it is hoped by the end of the year.

The Parish Council has been restructured into two sub-committees.

#### Planning

Margaret Sellars (Chairperson)  
Michael Boughton-Fox  
Brian Burrage  
Jean Prandy  
Lorraine Silk  
Graham Spence

#### Environment

Bob Sadler (Chairperson)  
Tom Flanagan  
Sue Jenkins  
Paul Lloyd  
Diana Palmer  
Patrick Ryan  
Harry Welburn

#### Objectives of the sub-committees:

To anticipate events  
To make decisions / recommendations  
To take appropriate action in the respective areas.

Thus actions and decisions should take place earlier rather than later.

Negotiations with Tesco regarding their planning application are continuing, with a view to ensuring that we have the best possible interests of the residents at heart. Alas, we are still urging our elected County Councillor to provide solutions to the many problems of overnight lorry parking; after many years of requesting action there still appears to be no solution in sight.

The new Parish Clerk, Lesley Sadler (no relation to our Chairman), is working non-stop to bring the Parish Council administrative and financial procedures up-to-date with computer, fax and e-mail systems. The latest computerised administration, financial, information storage and retrieval systems, including archiving, action planning showing areas of responsibility for Councillors, and target dates are being introduced.

Lesley is currently obtaining up-to-date plans of the Village so that land owned by the Parish, District and County Councils can be easily identified. This will ensure, amongst other aspects, that ground and tree maintenance will become more effective.

Our new look Parish Council will be able to anticipate needs and meet challenges.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Michael Boughton-Fox

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### Neighbourhood Watch

With the Christmas season now in full swing please be extra vigilant. Don't leave presents on display, especially in unattended cars, and if you are using the garage or shed to store larger items make sure they are secure at all times. One moment of carelessness can give someone else a good Christmas at your expense and it may spoil your festivities.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and crime free New Year.

If you have any questions on Neighbourhood Watch please contact me.

John Revell 201258

Swavesey pupils will know that transition week was last month. The school celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday with music, drama, and themed days. A time capsule containing information about the 90's was assembled and will be buried in the foundations of yet another new block in the year 2000.

Last month we had reports of complaints from Bar Hill Primary saying that we didn't mention younger readers, well we have mentioned you now, so be satisfied!

Hello younger readers! If you have anything to say, please, please, please write to us, as it gets a bit boring having to make things up ourselves every month!

This month by Lucy, Lizzie, and with a little help from Jamie (The smallest Ryan).

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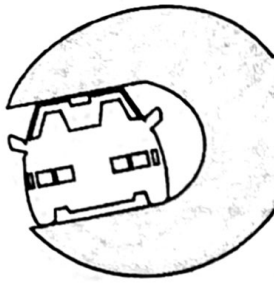
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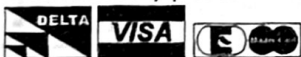
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## Thought for the Month

There is a new museum in London which displays the treasured collections of ordinary people. One man is displaying his collection of fallen branches - all five of them - at the present time. Make of that what you will.

I would like to submit my collection of what I would call 'Things Sold At Christmas For Christmas But Which Have Nothing Whatsoever To Do With Christmas'. Up until this year pride of place would have gone to my Mr. Blobby wrapping paper - all pink and shiny, but this year a new addition would take centre stage. I know it would bring in the adoring crowds, that's guaranteed. For it is - a Manchester United Advent Calendar.

Now, before I get letters of complaint or am accused of being an old spoilsport let me explain. I like Mr. Blobby and I enjoy watching Manchester United (admitting this may make me more unpopular, I know!), but I just don't see what they have to do with Christmas.

Christmas is all about the birth of the long promised Christ. Nothing more, nothing less. This is why the more other things get in the way the more empty our celebrations become: we just get further away from what we should be celebrating.

So, can I invite you to join us at any of our services this year and celebrate the real Christmas. Bring your Blobbys, wear your United kits if you must! But let's keep them in perspective as together we kneel before the child who is God with us, the one who it is really all about.

With all prayers for a truly blessed Christmas.

Rev. Gary Renison

## New Year Greeting from Bar Hill Church



So, have you broken them yet? No, I don't mean the scales you got for Christmas with all that turkey and pud. I mean those resolutions that you foolishly made, and even more foolishly told someone else about.

We all do it, year after year. It's as if we never learn. We buy track suits which only come out of the drawers once. We take up hobbies which seemed like a good idea at the time. We start DIY projects which, realistically, we have no hope of completing.

It's a good job that God is better at keeping his promises than we are at ours. One of the greatest of God's fulfilled promises, the coming of his Son, we have celebrated at Christmas. We look forward to Easter to another, the death and resurrection of Jesus.

In the meantime, we can draw strength from still more. That he will be with us in the hard times, that he can give us peace and hope, that when we are weak he can be our strength, that he can forgive and heal the deepest hurts in our lives.

So, why not make a different sort of resolution this year? Not to make a promise which you probably won't keep. But to find out more about the God who keeps his promises. And to learn what a difference those promises can make to you.

Details of this God can be found at your local church - or from anyone who has met him for themselves and who gather to enjoy their special time with him every Sunday. Just join us one Sunday or ask us any day of the week.

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## Pre-School Playgroup

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year! Also, special Seasons Greetings to Mr. Graham Spence and everyone associated with the Village Hall Management Committee.

### Thank you

To Mr. Graham Sadler and the members of the Sports and Social Club for their kind donations during our year as their chosen charity.

To Mrs. Sandra Spence for all her help in the past year.

To Mr. & Mrs. Hunt, Floss, Jean & Leigh for helping at our various fund-raising events.

### Congratulations

To all our staff on successfully completing their First Aid course, and to the winners of our Autumn fundraiser - C. Dye & Lewis Barningham. Well done to all who took part and thanks for the donations.

### Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all the companies who made donations, the mums who baked for us and everyone who helped on the day. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all!

### Letters from Father Christmas

How would your child like a personalised letter from Santa dropping through the letter box? All we need to know is your child's name, address and maybe the special gift that they would like this year. Letters cost £1 each, order forms available from Playgroup or Tina Binks.

### Finally

Tina Binks wishes to send the Season's greetings to all Playgroup parents, committee members and the loyal, dedicated staff who all work tirelessly for Playgroup - have a well deserved rest! Thank you Chris & Stephanie for all your help too!

### Session times:-

Mon, Wed & Thu. 9.15 - 11.45 am  
Tue. 'Play Tots' 9.30 - 11.00 am  
Tue. 12.30 - 3.00 pm  
Fri. (Rising 5s) 9.15 - 11.45 am

If you would like to visit Playgroup, please call in at any session, the Play-leaders will be happy to show you around and answer any questions.

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## Woodcraft Folk

The Woodcraft Folk is an organisation for boys and girls aged 6 years and upwards. Bar Hill has an 'Elfin' group for children aged between 6 and 10. The Foxglove 'Elfins' meet every Friday evening during term time in the School Studio between 6 and 7.15 pm.

This term the children have been working on their carnival badge and have enjoyed a wide range of activities including circus skills, country dancing, salt dough modelling, making shadow puppets and much more!

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A typical session would take the following form:

- Children arrive and choose a free activity eg. play-dough, water-play, weighing and measuring, sorting, construction, role-play and creative activities.

- Circle time. All the children gather on the carpet for a discussion time, including days of the week, the topic and a chance for each child to show and discuss the treasure they have brought to the session.

- Snacks and drinks  
- Singing/music & movement  
- Structured activities - The children divide into three groups. One group does worksheets, one group do name writing and the other group participate in making something related to the topic. The groups rotate until they have participated in each activity.

- outside play  
- music / parachute play / story  
- home time

Children take home worksheets or story books to share at home with the rest of the family. Sally and Deb can be contacted by parents out of session times to discuss anything which may arise. We also organise several parent consultation evenings throughout the year so parents can be kept informed of their child's progress and ask any questions they may have.

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The date has been fixed for 15th July 2000. The venue will be the School field and playground.

### Tea with Santa

**20th December 3.30 - 5.30 pm in the Village Hall**

We now have additional tickets available at £4.50 each, the price includes 90 minutes of children's entertainment, a picnic tea with Santa and a present. "Tickets" in the form of a personalised invitation from Santa can be reserved by telephone and are only available in advance; they will be delivered nearer the day. Don't forget to bring your camera! Adult refreshments will be available for a small donation, so don't forget to bring your cash with you!

### Family Valentine's Disco

**13th February 7 - 10 pm in the school.**

Tickets priced at £3.50 each (under 2's free) will be on sale soon. The price includes soft drinks, snacks and hot dog. Unfortunately school rules will not allow alcohol on the premises when children are present. The disco will be provided by Barry Taylor, so all those of you who remember "Saturday Night Fever", get those dancing shoes on, bring along those budding "Spice Girls", come on down and "strut your funky stuff!"

### Dates for your 1999 calendar

9th April - Easter Egg Hunt around Bar Hill on foot.

4th June - "Rainbow" Playday

Further details of both these events will be published in February's issue of BHN.

For further information and to reserve your tickets please telephone Lindsey Bladen **201516**, Kirsten Goodfield **200228** or Claire Thorby **781527**,



We wish you a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Thank you for your support during 1998.

### Sessions

The last session of the year will be on 11th December. Toys can be borrowed for a three week hire charge. The first session in the new year will be on 29th

January.

### Letters from Father Christmas

For only £1 you can receive a special letter from Father Christmas for your children, friend or relative. Collect a form from Toy Library or one of the Playgroups. Completed forms must be returned to Toy Library by 30th November.

### Diary dates

Fri. 18th Dec. Christmas Party - 1.00 - 3.00 pm in the Octagon. Invitations from Toy Library

Fri. 12th Feb. Cake stall from 2.30 pm at the School  
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For more information about Toy Library please ring Avril on **782431**.



## Sunshine Pre-School

The Sunshine Pre-School is in the brightly painted building next to the school. We aim to provide a wide range of experiences for children aged 3 and up, such as art and craft, coordination, construction and imaginative play and many other creative and educational activities. After milk and fruit more varied activities are arranged. We have a safe fenced-in play area and garden which is used for the larger activity toys in the summer. Children also enjoy the occasional cookery lesson and nature walk. Each session ends with a story or singing. Our qualified Pre-school Leaders are Jo and Pauline. If you are interested in a place for your child please call in at any session. Application forms are also available from The Library and Patsie Ostler **201079** (Before 7pm).

### Session Times:-

Mon - Fri 9.00 am - 11.30. 12.30 - 3.00 pm.

### Some handy 'phone numbers

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### Craft Fayre

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Fri. 18th Dec.		End of term

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## December Wildlife Christmas Robin

The Robin's association with Christmas is appropriate, for it is during the winter that its colours are most marked, with its breast at its reddest and its back a rich brown. The Robin is quite a tame bird, often following gardeners and looking for insects and larvae as they dig the ground.

The Robin is among a select group of birds which have an alarm call that other species recognise and respond to. Armstrong in his influential study on bird songs, said "the woods became silent" when the Robin let out its penetrating 'tic-tic' distress song.

According to ancient historical records the Robin is mentioned in literature as far back as AD 530. Saint Serf of Culross in Fife is believed to have kept one until it was killed in play by his pupils. Nevertheless it was miraculously brought back to life by the holiest of his students, Kentigern, who later became St. Mungo.

Stuck for a Christmas present idea? Why not get a copy of David Lack's "Life of a Robin"? If you have an interest in local wildlife and want to help, then call The Wildlife Trust's Membership Secretary, Jan Moore, on 01234 364213 for details on how you can make a difference. Membership would make a wonderful present too!

### January Wildlife Looking for deer

Now that Christmas has passed it is time to look for tracks and signs of animal movement, especially deer. The deer of Cambridgeshire are becoming increasingly adventurous, some venturing to within shopping distance of the Grafton Centre. There are four species of deer that inhabit this region; the native Roe, the introduced Fallow (who sometimes travels under the pseudonym of Bambi), Muntjac and the Chinese Water Deer.

It is believed that Fallow deer were

introduced into Britain by wealthy Roman settlers some 1500 to 1800 years ago. It was quite usual for the Romans to bring with them the amenities they were used to at home. They are the largest of the four species, growing up to 3 feet high and weighing 12 stone or more. Keep a look out for them feeding at either dawn or dusk.

Winter is the best time to look for trails and it can be an interesting experience following snow prints. You may be surprised at how far they go and at the abruptness with which they finish. Some deer have been known to leap off the track when alarmed, leaving no visible sign. They have even retraced their footprints to avoid someone or something ahead of them.

## Diary of a Badger

Hi again,

What a summer, a washout, quite literally. I don't like being wet, because when I get back to my sett with the family I mainly want to cuddle straight up with them and have a sleep, but it takes so long for us all to dry and groom ourselves, the straw bedding gets wet and is then uncomfortable. I suppose we can't moan too much as the wet and damp nights have meant there is a plentiful supply of fresh meat available; slugs, snails, spiders and my favourite, earthworms.

The cubs Bracken, Fern and Bramble are still with us as a family and are growing at quite a good rate now, with loads of food to eat. They had to be really coaxed to eat slugs, whose thick coating of slime they didn't like at first. But with a bit of perseverance they have overcome their dislike of them.

Fern is very quiet and likes to help her mum in and around the sett, changing the bedding on a regular basis, and collecting various herbs to keep in the bed chamber. These help to keep parasites down and also smell nice. She is going to make a boar very happy one day!

Bracken is very studious and likes all the nature around him, stopping to check things out, always asking questions about this and that and will be very knowledgeable in the future.

Meanwhile Bramble is the naughty one, not always naughty, but very mis-

chievous and likes to do his own thing even if it gets him into trouble.

I am forever having to apologize for his behaviour to the other animals, eg. the cows in Oak Tree pasture. One day he saw a hedgehog having a drink of milk from a cow, so he wanted some. Whether he bit or sucked too hard I don't know but Freda the Friesian jumped up in the most alarming way, making a most hideous bellowing sound and tried to kick him!

He lies in wait for the young fox cubs from Primrose Hill to come along the track and then leaps on them, rolling and tumbling about until their dad, Rufus, comes along and puts a stop to it.

We're not enemies with Rufus and his family but we try to keep clear of each other and have a nodding acquaintance only - until Bramble gets involved!

He'll burst out of the bushes and rush amongst the grazing rabbits, scattering them in all directions like a bomb burst. The young rabbits squeal, probably in sheer terror at the sudden emergence of this fast moving bundle of black and white fur! The older bucks then gang together and chase him away. Again, I can only apologise profusely.

Secretly I admire his courage and sense of adventure. It's like looking back in time a few years - I was just like that when my dad used to take me out, so I know where he gets it from.

It's getting light now, so time for home and a cuddle and a sleep. So bye for now.



'Ol Brock

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*Minnow and Stickleback are what he likes!  
Of these he's eaten all he can  
But there are no fish now  
Only litter, put there by the hand of man.*


*There are no fish now .. so he dies.  
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





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## Bar Hill Sports & Social Club

I sadly have to report the death of our Door Steward, Derrick Carter, on Thursday 18 November 1998. Derrick was a character of true note and will be missed by us all. Our thoughts and condolences go to Marjorie and the family.

Our impromptu "Children In Need" evening raised over £80 with the raffle and darts competition. Thank you.

The Christmas raffle has now over £1000 worth of prizes, including Millennium Ales, Combined Television and Video and many more. Tickets are only 25p each. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 18 December 1998.

New telephone number is **01954 206117**

Despite an eventful journey down to Portsmouth – see Jethro for the gruesome details – our latest trip to Spain on the "Pride of Bilbao" proved to be yet another astounding success with all 54 people returning home safely.

### Forthcoming Events:

Fri. 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Football Club Christmas Disco
Tue. 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Varsity Match at Twickenham (return journey + entrance ticket £35)
Fri. 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Cockney Night in the Village Hall – Pie & Mash + Band £3.50
Mon. 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Day Trip to France £17.50
Fri. 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christmas Raffle Night
Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Bob Marshall Sound
Mon. 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Children's Pantomime (Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer)
Thu. 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	Cambridge Jazz Company

Look out on the notice boards for our Christmas and New Year Opening Times.

New Year's Eve will once again be limited to Members only due to space constraints, no guests, sorry but with a membership of 1,000 the Members must come first.

On behalf of the Officers, Committee and Staff may I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you for your support, without which we would cease to exist and support the various Clubs and Societies as we do.

Thank you

*Graham Sadler, Chairman*  
New telephone number 206117.

## Ladies' International Group

It's supper time! Once every two months we will be meeting for a bring and share supper. Starting on Fri. 22nd Jan. at 8.00 - 10.00 pm. Details and firm bookings: Florentine on 789153 or Annita on 781914 at least one week ahead. All profits in '99 will go to supporting a children's charity in the developing world.

Guests of every nationality are welcome, especially newcomers to the Village.

We regret we are cancelling the Christmas Party advertised earlier, but do meet up with us for a quiet supper on 22nd Jan. next year!

If you would like a lift please contact Florentine on 789153 or Annita on 781914, who can fill you in on our activities.

## The Royal British Legion

Poppy week this year had a special significance as we all remembered the 80th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice - on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month.

Our cenotaph in the Village was dedicated in a short service on Nov. 2nd by the Revd. Anthony Howells and wreaths were laid by the Legion, Cubs, Brownies and a party of children from the School, followed by wreaths from shops, offices and other Village organisations. Crosses were then placed on the Field of Remembrance by representatives of the Legion and the Scouts, Guides and the School. The wreaths were taken to Longstanton at the end of the week and placed on the memorial in the churchyard.

As the money for the Poppy Appeal is still being counted it is too early to give a total. Our grateful thanks are extended to all Poppy sellers, particularly non-Legion members and also to Tesco for their co-operation.



The Remembrance Service on Nov. 8th was attended by the youth organisations with their standards and they paraded with the British Legion Standard. It was an impressive service conducted by the Revd. Gary Renison and Revd. Anthony Howells.

The next meeting will be on Sat. 19th Dec. with a Christmas Party to follow. The first meeting in 1999 will be in the Village Hall on Thu. 28th Jan at 7.30 pm

*E. Patrick 782136*

### Bar Hill Church Holiday Club 1999.

The dates of next year's Holiday Club have had to be unavoidably changed. It will now run from **Monday August 9th to Friday August 13th** inclusive. We are sorry to have to change the dates but hope that early notice of the change will not inconvenience too many of us. More details of the theme of the Holiday Club will emerge in a few months time.

*Rev. Gary Renison*

## National Women's Register

The Bar Hill Branch of the NWR meets once a fortnight on a Monday or Thursday evening at 8pm. We are a lively group of women of varied ages and a cross section of occupations. Newcomers are always welcome, so why not come along and join us?

### Diary Dates

Mon. 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Play reading	at 37 Acorn Avenue.
Mon. 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Call my Bluff	at 55 Acorn Avenue.
Thu. 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	If you could change roles - who would you like to be and why?	at 15 Acorn Avenue.
Mon. 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb.	Personality types - a questionnaire	at 12 Almond Grove

If you would like to attend one of our meetings or require further information, please don't hesitate to ring:-

Jill Smith 780314 or Jean Prandy 780201

## The Colts

The following match report was received from Ross Bentley, aged 10.

Bar Hill Under 11s' first win of the season was against Chesterton United. It was a very good game in which Bar Hill won 5 - 2. The scorers were Craig Fordham, Adam Dean, Ben, John Barrett, Peter Douglas.

**Bar Hill v Chesterton Eagles - Final score 1 - 1**

It was a tough game for Bar Hill, but they managed to put themselves 1 - 0 up, then Chesterton started winning the ball a lot and they scored in the last 5 minutes.

Good luck to Bar Hill this season from Ross Bentley (Bar Hill Player)



## PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP



Parent and Toddler Group is for children of 12 months to 3 years. Sessions are held in the Church Centre. In each session there will be painting, messy play, sand, large activity toys, puzzles, books and much more. We also have a singing and action time at the end of each session.

### Session times:

Mon - Fri mornings 10-11.30  
(Wednesday for 12 - 18 month Toddlers only)  
Mon & Tue afternoons 1.30-3.00

To find out more or book a session, please contact Janine 777303. You are welcome to call in and have a chat with supervisors Jo & Mary.

**Pay & Play (Monday 1.30 - 3.00pm).** All toddler age children are welcome. There is no need to book, just come along to these themed sessions for £1 per child, which includes a drink and biscuit.

**Farewell to Mary** - We are sorry to say farewell to Mary who has been one of our supervisors for five years. We wish her all the best in her new job (especially having to befriend Office '97 on the computer!) Just remember, Mary, if you can keep smiling with 18 screaming toddlers around you... you'll be fine. However, we could always do "ring-a-ring o' roses" in Tesco's so watch out!

**Thank you from Mary** - Mary wishes to thank all the mums, dads and carers who have given her pressies, cards and support.

**Could you be the new supervisor?** We are looking to fill this vacancy by the New Year. No formal qualifications are necessary, just an enthusiasm for child development through play and lots of energy. The hours are: Tuesday morning & afternoon plus Wed. & Thu. morning. Pay is £4 per hour. For more details and an application form please contact Marianne Langston 200716.

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## A view from behind the bar

Happy Christmas everyone, a little premature maybe, but as this is the last newsletter of the year I thought I'd get in early. Last month you lot drank us out and I had to get an extra barrel of Flowers IPA in; thanks to Ivor at the Greyhound for helping us out.

We've got a full programme of guest beers to see us through the festive season, starting with Hobson's Choice from City of Cambridge (4.1%) a complex ale with a hoppy nose and a sweet finish. Next up is a beer from the small independent Piddlington brewery; it's called 'Piddle in the Wind' and you'll love the pump clip! I've no tasting notes on this one as I've never tried it. Following on we have another beer from City of Cambridge, Atom Splitter (4.3%) an easy drinking beer that packs a punch.

I've been contacted by a very new brewery in Pottton who are going to supply us with their new beer, Shambles (4.3%), a light beer very heavily hopped and nice and bitter. They only started up a few months ago so we will be one of the first in the area to try this out. Let us know what you think of it.

On at the same time will be Black Sheep Special (4.4%) from Masham. The brewery was started up in 1992 by Paul Theakston, just a few yards down the road from the original Theakston brewery (now owned by Scottish and Newcastle). It's a superb premium ale, nice and bitter with loads of malt. (We will serve it with a sparkler if requested. OK Howard?)

Just before Christmas 'Grainstore Ten Fifty' (5.0%) comes along - a favorite of mine.

Christmas itself and a treat for Graham, our Chairman, Fullers' London Pride (4.1%); malt and fruit combine to give a full-tasting beer with a lingering finish. Also on is Eldrige Pope Royal Oak (5.0%). This went down very well at our summer beer festival. It has a definite aroma of bananas to start followed by a rich malt flavour and a pear-like finish. This is one to savour.

As we move into 1999 we start with a beer that hasn't been seen at the Club for many years, Green King IPA (3.6%), a hoppy beer from the country's largest independent brewery. It's improved greatly since last time, so if you haven't tried it recently, now's your chance.

To keep those of you who like a stronger pint happy we have Marston's Pedigree (4.5%), a delicate but complex beer, brewed in the famous Union Room oak vats. We hope to arrange a trip to the brewery in the new year so watch this space for details.

That's about as far as I can go; we're bound to have a few extra ales in over the next two months. What will they be? Who knows?!

After last month's wine tasting session we decided to expand the range of wines available both by glass and by off-licence. Our first 'wine of the month' will be 'Canoe Tree', a dry red wine from South Australia with a distinctly oaky taste. It will sell for £6.55 per bottle or £1.75 per glass (170ml). Our second 'wine of the month' will be a 1997 Chilean Chardonnay - £7.50 per bottle / £1.80 per glass. We hope the wine drinkers amongst you will let us know what you think of our choices and that you will tell us if you would like a particular wine on sale at the Club. We are always open to practical suggestions!

### Competition time

Well done Jeff Walker. The battle of Sole Bay was indeed fought between the combined fleets of the English and French against the Dutch - and we won! No doubt a few pints of Adnams before the battle gave our lot some 'Dutch courage'!

### Question?

An easy one! Which brewery did Greene King close recently? Answers behind the bar by 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. First correct answer out of the hat wins four pints of real ale. Great prize, so get the entries rolling in!

That's all. Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*PS. Happy Supping!*

## South Cambridgeshire North Rural Branch



### Diary Dates

31st Dec. New Year's Eve Board Games 8pm until late (early?) courtesy of Councillor Robin Martlew. Tickets are £5 each. Please contact Robin on 210298.

Our Policy Group meeting is suspended this month due to local by-elections. Members and supporters will be pleased to learn that we recently gained the District Council seat in Hardwick with over 80% of the vote.

Thank you to those who assisted Cllr. Tom Flanagan recently in clearing the rubbish from the stream in Bar Hill. This was the second year of this successful activity - we intend to keep it as a key annual event.

To join the winning team or for further details on the activities of the Liberal Democrats please contact:-

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780571

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## Happy Hours

### (The Recycled Youth Club)

So it's almost the end of another year and we have just celebrated our ninth birthday, except this time next year we'll be at the end of another decade; Year 2000 - whoops, now that's well worth celebrating. The recent November Armistice Memorial Services remind us all that there are still a few stalwarts who were born during the '80's, survived the '90's and will still be around at the beginning of the 21st Century - what a marvellous achievement.

During our nine years existence our total numbers reached almost a hundred; we are now in the mid-eighties and I feel it is appropriate to thank those loyal committee members who have given so much time and energy to make Happy Hours such a happy and joyful club to belong to - remember, some of those who run it are by no means young chickens and I feel sure our Chairperson would like me to thank them for what they have done and certainly achieved over the years, and to wish them and all our members a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. These kind thoughts and wishes are extended to all other groups and residents of the village.

### Annual General Meeting

9th November

This went off without any hitches. The committee once again was elected en bloc and we are delighted that Margaret Clark took over as Secretary. Welcome, Margaret, we will be glad to have you. Phyllis gave sincere thanks to all those committee members who kindly stood again, and to the many other people who assist at our weekly meetings in washing up and clearing away all our equipment. Many thanks - we couldn't do without your help.

### Birthday party

Wednesday 14th November

Everybody certainly seemed to enjoy the food and entertainment and thanks again go to our committee who pitched themselves in at the deep end to ensure you enjoyed yourselves. Unfortunately, whilst the Birthday Party was in full



swing a few of the committee attended the Crematorium service for Hermione Bowen. Hermione was a very endearing little lady and we will all miss her. Our sincerest and deepest respects go to her husband Ron and family.

### Annual Christmas Dinner

16th December

at the Moat House. We are looking forward to seeing you all there, so do come and enjoy our festivities - you can be sure of a good time. Sid will let you know precisely what time he would like you to be there nearer the occasion.

### Carol Singing - outside Tesco

6.30 pm Tuesday 15th December

Everybody in the village is invited to join in, but make sure you have some warm clothes on - it can be quite chilly at this time of the year. If you have any instruments, please bring them along - we will provide the carol sheets. We would, as last year, welcome some of the children. The proceeds this year will go to the Arthur Rank Homes - a very worthwhile cause. Please do come along and let your voices be heard all over Bar Hill and Cambridge.

### Christmas Carol Service

in the Church

Monday 21st December 2.30 pm.

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### Longstanton WI

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*We start the week and then it's gone.*

*Why does time go so fast?*

*The years go by so quickly, it's*

*Birthday time again, Christmas isn't*

*far away, and then it's Spring again.*

*How can we stop time going by?*

*It never used to do -*

*When we were young the days*

*seemed long, but now it gallops on*

*And as we all get older and as the*

*old song says, "As time goes by" we*

*ought to say,*

*We're glad that we're still here.*

*People need people*

*and friends need friends*

*And we all need love*

*For a full life depends*

*Not on vast riches or great acclaim,*

*Not on success or on worldly fame*

*But just in knowing that someone*

*cares*

*And holds us close in their thoughts*

*and prayers*

*For only the knowledge that we're*

*understood*

*Makes everyday living*

*feel wonderfully good.*

Merry Christmas, Everyone!

Jim James 201127

### Down at the waterfront ....

If you have been down to the Nature Reserve recently you may have noticed that the pond there is beginning to look less like a jumble of overgrown vegetation and more like a pond! That's because two local girls have been bracing the cold, smelly water in order to clean the pond out for their Duke of Edinburgh Award. So, if you see us there, don't be surprised and don't worry. We are not totally destroying the pond ecosystem. And if anyone else wants to help us out ....

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	6.30pm	Evening Worship	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
Wed. 16th	10.00am	Mid-week Holy Communion	Preacher: Rev Anthony Howells
Sun. 20th	8.00am	Holy Communion	
	10.00am	Gift and Crib Service with Nativity	Leaders: Rev Gary Renison & Mrs Di Wilkins
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Preacher: Rev Anthony Howells
Mon. 21st	2.30pm	Senior Citizens Carol Service	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
Thu. 24th	4.30pm	Christingle Service	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
	9.30pm	Holy Communion	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
Fri. 25th	10.00am	Family Communion	Preacher: Rev Anthony Howells
Sun. 27th	10.00am	Family Service	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
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Tue: 8am & 7.30 pm

Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sundays

also 6pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation: 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)

Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm

Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

### Henna Body Art

*"Tattoos are a must this year"*

No pain - No needles - No Permanency

Also available jewelry and ear piercing

Party bookings can also be taken

For more information please call



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**Confused and frustrated ?  
Cannot build 2 those DIY  
self assembly units ?**

Experienced help is at hand. From just assembly to fully fitted kitchens or bedrooms or full design and building service. Any DIY job, nothing too small or too big.

**Resolve your frustration**



Neil 780528

# Diary

Tue.	1st	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Alexander Technique' with Mrs. Susan Scott	Cambridge Osteoporosis Support Group	Dry Drayton Village Hall
Thu.	3rd	8.00 pm	Christmas Dinner	8 O'Clock Club	
Fri.	4th		Christmas Disco	Football Club	Social Club
Sat.	5th		Christmas Lunch	Conservatives	Octagon
		10.00 - 4.00pm	Craft Fayre	Sunshine Pre-School	School Hall
Sun.	6th	3.00 pm	Carol Service	Guides	The Church
Mon.	7th	8.00 pm	Play reading	National Women's Register	37 Acorn Avenue
Tue.	8th		Varsity Match	Social Club	Twickenham
Fri.	11th	9.00 pm	Cockney Night	Social Club	Village Hall
Mon.	14th		Shopping trip to France	Social Club	France
Tue.	15th		Carol Singing outside Tesco	Happy Hours	Outside Tesco
Wed.	16th		Annual Christmas Dinner	Happy Hours	The Moat House
Fri.	18th		Christmas Party	Sunshine Pre-School	Sunshine Building
			Christmas Party	Toy Library	School
		9.00 pm	Christmas Raffle	Social Club	Village Hall
Sat.	19th	8.00 - 12.00 pm	Adult Disco	PTA	School
Sun.	20th	3.30 - 5.30 pm	Christmas Party	Children's Activity Afternoon	Village Hall
Tue.	22nd	6.00 & 8.00	Children's Disco	PTA	School
			End of Term	School	
Sat.	26th	9.00 pm	Bob Marshall Sound	Social Club	Village Hall
Mon.	28th		Children's Pantomime	Social Club	Social Club
Thu.	31st	8.00 pm	New Year's Eve board games	Liberal Democrats	
		9.00 pm	Cambridge Jazz Company	Social Club	Village Hall
Jan.					
Mon.	4th	8.00 pm	Call my Bluff	National Women's Register	55 Acorn Avenue
Wed.	6th		Start of Term	School	
Thu.	7th	8.00 pm	Quiz evening	8 O'Clock Club	
Sat.	16th	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Jumble Sale	PTA	School
Thu.	21st	8.00 pm	Role changing	National Women's Register	15 Acorn Avenue
Fri.	22nd		AGM	Conservatives	121 Appletrees
Wed.	27th	6.30 pm	Cinderella	RADSOC	Swavesey VC
		8.00 pm	The Wizard of Oz	Dry Drayton School & Village Ass.	
Thu.	28th	7.30 pm	Meeting	Royal British Legion	Village Hall
Fri.	29th		Session	Toy Library	
		8.00 pm	AGM	Residents' Association	School Studio
Feb.					
Mon.	1st	8.00 pm	Personality types	National Women's Register	12 Almond Grove
Tue.	6th	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Social Gathering	Cambridge Osteoporosis Support Group	Dry Drayton Village Hall
Thu.	11th	3.30 - 9.30 pm	Fun Ice	PTA	School

## A View from the Bridge (or 'All at sea with the BHSSC')

Well, what a trip! We all met up at the Club and after 'one or two' drinks we were off - all 54 of us. A brief stop at Baldock Tesco for those of us with weak bladders and then on to Fleet services for a meal break.

'We've made good time' said our driver as we piled off the coach at 4pm. 'See you at five'.

Then the fun started!  
When we got back to the coach, there was the driver with a look of despair, frantically turning the key to no effect! After some time, and a few phone calls to his boss, a large metal rod appeared and was used to knock '7 bells' out of the starter motor! Then more key turning ... no joy.

We were due at the docks at 7.15 pm, to sail at 8.00pm. It was 6.00pm and we'd got 50 miles to go!

The driver set off to find a me-

chanic and returned 15 minutes later with the news that 'the' mechanic was off duty. Panic started to take hold. 'Phone calls to C&G Coaches seemed to be getting nowhere, so it was off to the 'phones again to see if we could get some taxis. On a Saturday night at 6.30 pm - no chance!

At last, some good news. A replacement coach was on its way. All our bags were removed from the stricken coach and we phoned P&O to let them know what was happening. However, we were told that the ship was 'on time' and 'would not wait for us'. It was now 6.55pm. Where was the b...y coach?

The replacement coach turned up at 7.00pm, but it was only a 50 seater. We managed to sneak 51 on board, but Ray Mole, Peter Moss and 'yours truly' were left to wave at the parting coach and wait for the promised taxi. More phone calls!

Five minutes wait became ten. Still no taxi arrived. Phone calls gave promise of a BMW in 5 minutes!

At 7.25pm it had still not arrived. However a beaten-up mini-bus, a taxi and another 50 seater coach had!

We got into the taxi and left the coach driver to sort out the mess!

95mph 'ish' down the motorway, phone calls to and from P&O, Premier Travel and the Harbour Master. The boat was scheduled to leave within the next ten minutes. The replacement coach had not yet arrived at the docks and we were still 35 miles away!

At 7.55pm P&O confirmed that the replacement coach had arrived safely and that everyone was on board. However they didn't give much for our chances!

I managed to get in touch with the Captain (no less) and pleaded that we should also be allowed on. He kindly organised the delay of the ships departure for fifteen minutes. The race was on!

20 miles to go - the taxi's petrol light came on! 'No Worries!' said the driver, but dropped the speed to 80 'ish'.

Finally we screeched to a halt at the reception area at 8.10pm.

Three ladies, each with a boarding pass, met us as we ran to the shuttle bus. There we met Dave and Sharon, who had refused to board the ship until we did!

We all ran up the gangway as the crew cast off.

Made it by about 10 seconds!  
Needless to say, we partied 'big time' that night!

The rest of the cruise was uneventful in comparison. Lots of food, drink, fine entertainment and very little sleep - Deano managed 48 hours without any sleep at all!

We had a very smooth crossing both ways and brilliant sunshine when we arrived in Spain. Micky Egan even got sunburnt! Pauline Kember kept ½ the ship going with her bottomless bag of sandwiches, drinks and who knows what! Dave Wight won yet again on the Poker table and Craig Burns won on the roulette. We disco'd until 3.00 am most nights and a good time was had by all.

Jethro

PS. If you hear a rumour that I was drinking lager this trip it's not true. It was cold tea (At least that's what it tasted like!)

See you all next year

If your organisation is planning events during 1999 please inform the Millennium Committee (c/o the Village Hall) or the Editor of the BHN. We will be trying to keep an updated list of the 'major' events, published in the Bar Hill News, to try to help with planning and avoid clashes.